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The Honorable Ron Wyden
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Hon Ron Wyden
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Dear Senator Wyden:

I am responding to your February 2, 2018 letter to Wilson H. Phillips, Jr., Treasurer of the National Rifle Association of America, requesting documentation related to financial transactions between the NRA and individuals or entities associated with the Russian Federation.

Your inquiry appears to be based on a recent news article suggesting that one Russian official, Alexander Torshin, is under investigation by the FBI with respect to his alleged efforts to channel election-related funding to the NRA. As the article itself makes clear (and as the author of the article has made clear to counsel for the NRA), the article refers to an investigation of Mr. Torshin—not of the NRA. There has been no contact between the FBI and the NRA.

As a longstanding policy to comply with federal election law, the NRA and its related entities do not accept funds from foreign persons or entities in connection with United States elections.

The vast majority of NRA donations come from millions of small individual donors. Contributions are carefully monitored in order to comply with Internal Revenue Service and Federal Election Commission regulations. Significant contributions from unknown entities are vetted to ensure the legitimacy of donors.

Finally, NRA political decisions are made by NRA officers and executive staff, all of whom are United States citizens. No foreign nationals are consulted in any way on these decisions.

I hope this response is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J.C. Frazer".

John C. Frazer
Secretary and General Counsel

cc: The Hon. Chuck Grassley